have Chief justices from outside the respective States; and

(b) what is the latest policy in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) As on 14-11-1985 the High Courts of Andhra Pradesh, Calcutta, Gauhati, Gujarat, Hima-chal Pradesh, Kerala, Madras. Orissa and Patna were having Chief Justices from outside the respective States.

(b) The policy of having Chief Justices of High Courts from outside was announced in the press note dated 28-1-1983 a copy of which is attached. *(See below)* The Government continue to adhere to this policy, which is being implemented progressively.

*Press Mote dated* 28-1-1983

Pursuant to persistent demand from responsible bodies, the Government have, after considering various aspects of the matter and after consulting the Chief Justice of India, decided to adopt a policy of having Chief Justices of all High I Courts from outsi[1]e and to keep in view certain broad guidelines when implementing this policy. These guidelines are as follows :—

(i) For purposes of elevation as Chi :f Justices the *inter se* seniority of puisne Judges will be reckoned on the basis of their seniority in their own High Courts and, subject to suitability, they will be considered for appointment as Chief Justices in other High Courts when their turn would normally have come for being considered for such aopointment in their own High Courts.

(ii"[1] A Chief Justice who has only one year or less to retire may not be transferred to ano'her High Court.

(iii) A puisne Judge in a High Court who has one year or less to retire when his turn for being considered for elevation as Chief Justice arrives may, subject to suitability b'.- considered for appointment as Chief Justice in his own High Court if a vacancy is to occur in the office of the Chief Justice in that High Court during that period.

2. While implementing the aforesaid policy the appointments/ transfers shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Article 217 or Article 222 of the Constitution, as the case may be.

**Posts of Subordinate Judges in Delhi**

68. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of pending cases in the lower courts in the Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) the number of Subordinate Judges at present in Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that High Court of Delhi has asked the Delhi Administration to create fresh po'ts of Subordinate Judges in lower courts for speedy disposal of pending cases ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken for creation of fresh posts and appointment of more Subordi-ate Judges in lower courts in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND TUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHAPDWAT): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collec-ted an^ will be placed on the Table pf the Hous-\

(c) and (d) Proposals for increase in the sanctioned strength of Delhi Judiciary is engaging the attention of Government in consultation with Delhi High Court.

**Setting up of Industrial projects in backward areas of Orissa**

69. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government pro" pose to s< t up some industrial projects in the backward and tribal areas of Orissa ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ; and

(c) the names of places where these projects are likely to be located ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) Industrialisation of a district is primarily th« responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, the Central Government supplement their efforts by providing Central incentives, concessional finance, exemption from income-tax, etc. to *th.p* entrepreneurs for setting up industries in backward areas. Details of these are given in the Booklet "Incentives for Industries in Backward Areas— April, 1984" read with Press Note No. 14/2/83-DBA-I, dated 9-4-1985, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. The Central investment are primarily in large industrial projects of a basic character. The location of such projects has, therefore, to be d' cid'd on broad techno-economic considerations. It has been the policy of the Government that subject to these considerations comparatively backward regions are given preference in the location of Central Projects. The numbers of letters of intent and industrial licences issued to backward districts/areas of Orissa during the three years 1982 to 1985 (up to September, 1985) are as follows.

| Yca | Letters of Intent | Industrial Licences |
|---|---|---|
| 1982. . . | 25 | 2 |
| 1983. . . | 12 | 5 |
| 1984. . . | 7 | 5 |
| 1985. . . (up to September) | 15 | 3 |

Details of these letters of intents/ industrial licences are being published in the mont' ly India Investment. Newsletter, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

**Visit of Indian Delegation to Kuwait**

70. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation from India had recently visited Kuwait and held discussion with the Orga.nisa.tion of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries on promoting cooperation between its members and India ;

(b) if so, what are the details of these discussions and whether any agreements were entered into in this regard; and

(c) what benefits are likely to be derived as a result of this visit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.